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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

With respect to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowance dated November 20, 2006, Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner to any extent that such statement characterizes the invention in a manner at variance with the actual wording of the claims.

As set forth in the Notice of Allowance, these comments are being filed along with payment of the Issue Fee.

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